Provision of infrastructure to Petroleum, Chemicals and Petrochemicals Investment Regions

1992. SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether seven States are in the reckoning to set up the first Petroleum, Chemicals and Petrochemicals Investment Region over 200 sq. kms. to attract foreign investment in a big way;

(b) whether both Centre and States would provide international-level basic infrastructure while core infrastructure would be provided by builders;

(c) whether the Inter-Ministerial Task Force has short listed the spots *i.e.* Vizag, Paradeep, Haldia, Dahej, Ranagiri, Mangalore and Kundli; and

(d) if so, by when a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken and by when work on these projects is likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE): (a) to (d) The Cabinet has recently approved the Polocy for setting up of Petroleum, Chemical and Petrochemical Investment Regions (PCPIR), and the same is to be notified. The PCPIR is a specifically delineated investment region having an area of about 250 sq. kms (with alteast 40% area earmarked for processing activities). This region would be a combination of production projects, public utilities, logistics, environmental protection, residential areas and administrative services. The purpose is to encourage global scale investment in petroleum, chemical & petrochemical sectors to accelerate economic growth. The Central Government will consider and approve applications from the State Governments for establishment of PCPIRs in terms of this policy and also facilitate availability of external physical infrastructure linkages including rail road, ports, and airports. Similarly, the State Government, applying for a PCPIR, will ensure that all physical infrastructure and utilities linkages under its jurisdiction are provided. Applications received from interested State Governments for setting up PCPIRs are to be considered in terms of the PCPIR Policy.